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2 men dead after argument turns into a swordfight. Romeo exiled!

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A quiet day in fair Verona was shattered as two well respected men are felled by swords. Mercutio Escalus and Tybalt Capulet were found dead outside a restaurant midday yesterday. I consulted eyewitnesses and found out that Tybalt had arrived and was talking to Romeo, Benvolio, and Mercutio. It is said that Mercutio started to argue with the Capulet and challenged him to a duel. Outside, one person saw that Romeo attempted to stop the fighting, but Mercutio was stabbed under the arm and Tybalt fled the streets.

Mercutio, who is a friend of the Montagues and nephew to the prince, died minutes later. Benvolio attempted to take him to the doctor, but could not complete the task. One witness accounted for something that was said by Mercutio when he was stabbed. They believe he screamed “A plague a’ both your houses!” in pain and ran off. Tybalt came back minutes later to fight Romeo in a duel. Romeo accepted the duel and started to fight Tybalt. There was reported only a few minutes of fighting before Tybalt suffered a strike that killed him instantly. A crowd began to gather at this point and Romeo ran off. When the prince ordered to know who did this, Benvolio offered his story, but Lady Capulet begged the prince that Romeo be executed for the mindless murder of Tybalt. The prince, who was undecided on who to believe, ordered that Romeo be exiled from fair Verona. Some say Romeo deserves this punishment and more, while some say he didn’t deserve any of it.

This whole story was based off of eyewitness accounts and the accounts of Benvolio, who was there the whole incident. Romeo has not been seen in Verona since the fight.